

This record is a partial extract of the original cable. The full text of the original cable is not available.

UNCLAS ROME 005560

SIPDIS

DOT FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION MCDERMOTT, GRETCH, STREET  
FAA FOR MAILLET  
MONTREAL FOR STIMPSON  
LONDON, PARIS, BRUSSELS ALSO FOR FAA  
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ROME 05560 151500Z

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [EAIR](#) [ETRD](#) [ECON](#) [IT](#) [EUN](#) [FAA](#) [AVIATION](#)

SUBJECT: ITALY MAINTAINS STATUS QUO AFTER ECJ OPEN SKIES  
DECISION

REF: A. STATE 221334

[1](#)B. ROME 4883

[1](#)1. WE CONTACTED ALDO SANSONE, DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
AT THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND MARIA LUISA TIMPONE,  
INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS, ENAC (ITALY'S CIVIL AVIATION  
AUTHORITY) REGARDING THE EUROPEAN COURT OF JUSTICE (ECJ)  
DECISION ON MEMBER STATE OPEN SKIES AGREEMENTS WITH THE U.S.  
(REF A). BOTH STATED THAT AS ITALY WAS NOT A PARTY TO THE  
SUIT, THEY DID NOT KNOW HOW ITALY WOULD BE AFFECTED, NOR DID  
THEY KNOW WHEN OR HOW THE EU WOULD IMPLEMENT THE DECISION.  
THEY FELT THAT THE DECISION BROUGHT THE EU COMMISSION ONE  
STEP CLOSER TO GAINING A MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE AN EU/U.S. OPEN  
SKIES AGREEMENT, BUT THEY DOUBTED THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN  
ANYTIME SOON. IN THE MEANTIME, ITALY'S TREATIES IN FORCE  
WILL REMAIN VALID AND THE SITUATION UNCHANGED.  
SKODON

UNCLASSIFIED

>

2002ROME05560 - Classification: UNCLASSIFIED